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Local Matters.

Natural History Society.

A meeting of the Society was held on Monday evening. This had been called for the purpose of voting upon an amendment to the constitution whereby the sum necessary to create life membership was to be reduced from \$100, as has heretofore been customary, to \$50. Many members absent from Newport had signified by mail their acquiescence in the change, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Though the meeting was essentially a business one, several things of general interest also occurred. There were additions of importance to the Society's collections, notably a fine specimen of the harbor seal, presented by Mr. A. O'D. Taylor, who, as president, occupied the chair. It was reported by Dr. Means that his minimal circular, which has been widely distributed, had already attracted attention, and that he had received several replies showing that there was much interest in the subject.

Dr. J. A. Allen, of New York, editor of "The Auk," which is the leading ornithological publication in America, was present, and upon being introduced by the president spoke briefly upon the varieties of seal to be found along our shores. Several new members were elected.

A Runaway.

A very exciting runaway took place on Wednesday morning, when a carriage, belonging to Mr. W. F. Welch, with a handsome horse, dashed down the street. The horse and carriage were standing on Thames street and the reins, which were lying loose, got caught under the shafts, frightening the animal. The coachman, Mr. Keefe, jumped to the horse's side and seized it by the mane. The coachman was dragged some little distance but he still held a firm hold upon the animal.

When in front of Mr. Covell's store the carriage collided with a wagon and the runaway was stopped by the coachman. It was a miracle that the man escaped without injury, and he deserves much credit for the pluck he exercised in seizing the horse and holding him in the manner he did. Otherwise the accident might have been a very destructive one.

A large crowd had soon gathered, many of whom offered their assistance to the coachman. Patrolman Dring also assisted in stopping the runaway. The damage done to the carriage was slight.

Tuesday evening Mr. Abrian Almy was sitting on the piazza of his residence on Broadway and heard the cry of "Fire." Going to the back of the house he saw a blaze of fire at the side of his barn, which is on the same lot with his own and neighboring houses. He at once proceeded to destroy the flames and by prompt work on his part the fire was extinguished before any damage had been done. It is believed to have been the work of boys, as traces of paper were found under the barn steps.

The next annual fair of the Newport County Agricultural Society will be held at Oakland Hall, on September 25, 26, & 27. It is expected that this will be the best exhibition yet given by this society. A copy of the premium list has just been printed at this office and is now ready for distribution.

A meeting of the city hall commission was held on Monday evening. It was voted to reject all the bids received for furniture for the new city hall. All the furniture dealers of the city will be allowed to submit new bids, and must be presented not later than 5 p. m., on Friday, August 3. It was also voted to stipulate in the specifications for the new desks, "standard sizes," and not odd ones, as was the case in the original specifications.

British cutter yacht Hester, arrived here late Sunday last, from Halifax. She was purchased in the early spring by Rear Commodore C. L. F. Robinson.

The clam-bakes served by Mr. Negus at the Island Park are the best baked served anywhere on the shores of Narragansett Bay. They are served every day in the week.

On Wednesday, August 31st, St. Mary's Guild will hold its lawn party on the grounds of the parsonage, on East Main road.

Ocean View Park.

Ocean View is the name of the new park that has been laid out on land adjoining the Island Park in Portsmouth. This land was bought this last spring by Representative Henry C. Anthony, of Portsmouth, it being a part of the Bullfinch farm purchased by him at that time. This portion, which is between the main road and the water, is an irregular strip containing some half a dozen acres. It was sold by Mr. Anthony to ex-Mayor Conklin and others of Fall River for \$2500, and some bonuses, amount not stated. The owners laid it out in streets and house lots, all or nearly all of which they have since sold. It is claimed that they have realized something like eleven thousand dollars for what they have already sold. Six or seven houses have already been built on the Park or are in process of erection. They are most of them small, but very cozy for a summer home of a few weeks.

The owners of the park have agreed to furnish water for all who buy lots, and for that purpose they are now engaged in sinking an artesian well near the center. Messrs. Smith & Thayer, of Boston, are the contractors. They have got down some fifty feet, and expect to go at least one hundred before they reach water.

Electric Car Accident.

After the electric car of the Newport & Fall River road had crossed the state line into Taunton, at about ten o'clock Sunday night, a fuse blew out and some of the passengers became frightened, jumping from the car, while it was in motion. Mrs. Robert Fletcher and daughter, of Fall River, were among the number to jump and Mrs. Fletcher fell under the wheels, terribly mauling her right leg. She was taken to the Emergency Hospital in Fall River, where it was found necessary to amputate the limb, thinking it might save her life, but she died shortly afterwards. She was the wife of Captain Fletcher of steamer 5, of Fall River.

Medical Director Paul Fitzsimmons relieved Surgeon L. G. Heineberger at the Naval Training Station on Saturday of last week. After reporting for duty, he took charge of the naval hospital. Surgeon L. G. Heineberger has been in charge at the hospital since the death of Medical Inspector C. A. Siegfried. He will report for duty at the medical examining board at Brooklyn. Dr. Fitzsimmons is well known in this city, being at one time attached to the Torpedo Station.

On Monday last Mr. John P. Peckham, paying teller of the Newport Branch of the Industrial Trust Company, observed the seventeenth anniversary of his connection with the National Bank of Rhode Island and the Industrial Trust Company. When he started out seventeen years ago he was employed as office boy and by faithfulness and steady attention to business he has been promoted to his present position.

Mr. George Riddle, the celebrated reader, after an absence from Newport of seven years, has returned and yesterday morning gave a thoroughly entertaining reading in the Casino Theatre to a large and fashionable audience. Mr. Riddle was always a great favorite among our summer population, and many old friends were on hand to welcome him Friday morning.

Keeper Wales, of the Beaver Tail light, has been transferred from his present post of duty to Whale Rock light, as assistant keeper. Mr. Wales has been employed at the light for the past thirteen years, having succeeded his father, who was there for twenty-four years.

Mr. William Cutting, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Brockholst Cutting, have made plans with the China Glass and Decorating Company of New York, to remove the sanctuary window in St. Mary's convent and in its place to put a hand-one stained glass window.

Among the list of people registered at the "Edin House," Bethlehem, N. H., are the Misses, Elizabeth G. Nuss, Grace B. Gilpin, Mary H. Hodgson and Elizabeth S. Champlin, all from Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Morehouse have arrived here from San Francisco, after an extended absence from this city. They were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Morehouse.

Rev. Father Meenan, of St. Mary's Church, preached on board the battleship Kearsarge on Sunday morning last.

Mr. Herbert Crosby caught the largest bass of the season at Price's Neck last Sunday. Its weight was 46 pounds.

Assistant Surgeon Raymond Spear, of the navy, has been promoted to the rank of passed assistant surgeon.

Miss Kelly, of Providence, is a guest of Miss Mary G. Curley.

A Valuable Property.

The property of the Newport-Nevada Mining Company recently organized in Newport appears at least to be in a good locality, as the following from the Salt Lake Evening News would indicate: "No serious delay antagonizing, the new cyanide plant with which the ores of the Horse Shoe Mining Company at Deer Lodge, are to be treated will be ready to start up August 1st and continue a steady grinding from that time. Messrs. A. W. McCune, R. C. Lund, E. E. Calvin, and James Macfarlane, who came up from the south yesterday after an inspection of the mill and the mines in that locality, are very enthusiastic over them and believe the camp the making of one of the most productive in the State. Certainly the average value of the ores thus far mined, said one of the party, are much better than the average now being mined in the west and the margins on Horse Shoe should be such as to place it in the dividend column in a short time."

The "Horse Shoe" property referred to is the next door neighbor to the Newport-Nevada Company, the same veins running through both properties. We learn from the officers of the company that the work of further development has already commenced. The hoisting, blasting, and ventilating plant are now on the way to the mine and work of erecting necessary buildings is in progress.

The success that has thus far attended the efforts of the backers of this enterprise in the short time since its organization bids fair to continue and with the actual development of the mine, under its business-like management, we expect to see Newport the home of a prosperous company.

A Moonlight Excursion.

Aquidneck Chapter, No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, will have a moonlight excursion on Thursday evening, August 3rd. They have chartered a steamer, and will have a two hours' sail on Narragansett Bay. They will then return to Jamestown and have a supper at one of the hotels, after which there will be music and dancing for those who wish to dance. It is intended to make this a very delightful affair. The members are at liberty to invite any friends. The tickets for the excursion, including supper, are one dollar each.

A Pleasant Occasion.

On Monday evening, August 6th, there will be a clam-bake at Island Park given under the auspices of the Men's League of the First Presbyterian Church. Cars will leave Ball Street at 6:30 p. m. and the bake will be served on arrival. The tickets will be seventy-five cents, which will pay the car fare to and from the Park, and the supper. A first class bake will be served, for which host Negus knows how to get up a dinner worthy of the name. All friends are invited.

The band concerts given on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week, on Touro Park and Washington Square, by the Newport Band, are becoming more and more popular, and large crowds gather there to listen to the very pleasing programme of music arranged by the leader, Mr. Harry K. Howard.

Commander Francis H. Defano and Lieutenant Commander Edmund B. Underwood, who have been in attendance at the Naval War College, have been ordered to report at the Boston Navy Yard for duty with the Topeka.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Anna Milliken Jellison, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., to Mr. Arthur Bolles Patterson, of Boston, son of Rev. G. Herbert Patterson, of South Portsmouth, R. I.

Light battery C, Seventh Artillery, will leave Fort Adams, August 20th, for a month's leave of absence. They will camp and march along the roads and in the wilds of Cape Cod.

Mr. J. S. Briggs, who was injured in a runaway accident at Narragansett Pier, was removed to his home, "The Stevens Villa," on Bellevue avenue, in this city, the past week.

Miss Emma A. Hall and Mrs. William A. Barker have returned from a four weeks' visit to Millbrook, N. Y., where they have been the guests of Mrs. William C. Russell.

It is reported that Lieutenant Joseph Sweeney, of this city, and now a lieutenant in the Forty-third Infantry, has been promoted to a captaincy.

The names of either Eldridge or Lawton, two Newporters, in the Ninth Regiment at Tien Tsin, are not among the list of the wounded reported.

Prayers for rain were offered in several of the churches on Sunday last in Middletown, owing to the bad condition of the vegetable crops.

Agent C. U. Coffin, of the Wickford line, is confined to his home by illness.

Recent Deaths.

Dr. W. H. Cotton.

Mr. William H. Cotton, of this city, died at his home on Cotton's Court Wednesday afternoon, in the 81st year of his age. Mr. Cotton, or, as he was more familiarly called, Doctor Cotton, had been in poor health for some months. In the early spring he had an attack of the grippe, which led to pneumonia, and from which he had never fully recovered, although his death was caused by a complication of diseases. Dr. Cotton was one of the best known men in Newport, and in his profession he had few equals and no superiors. He was born in Plymouth, Mass., in 1817, but his parents moved to this city when he was very young. His father was Dr. Charles Cotton, one of the most distinguished physicians of his day in Newport. His father was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1805. He also received from Harvard subsequently the degree of A. M., and from Brown University the honorary degrees of A. M. and M. D. He was noted not only for his skill in medicine and surgery, but for his patriotism. In the war of 1812 he served on the Constitution, the Cyane and the Hornet (on the last named in the fight with the Peacock) with such gallantry that Congress gave him a special vote of thanks and ordered that he be presented a sword and a medal.

The deceased was a grandson of the late Capt. Stephen T. Northrup, once a well known merchant ship owner and sea captain in Newport.

Mr. Cotton succeeded his father in the drug business, in which he made a great success. His knowledge of medicines was equal to that of any physician and he was sought after by many people in place of a doctor.

He was of a gentle and kindly disposition, which made him friends everywhere and no enemies. He was a member of many organizations. For years he was a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, and was several times president of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Society. In the days of the old volunteer fire department he was a member of the No. 72 and for many years ran with the machine.

He was affiliated in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., in 1876, and early took an active part in that organization. He was elected Master of that lodge in 1879, being its third Master. He was also a member of Newport Royal Arch Chapter and Washington Commandery, No. 4, K. T. Of this latter body he was Exalted Commander for two years and took a very active part in its management. He was also Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Rhode Island.

Dr. Cotton was always a generous man, giving wherever he thought it was needed and many a poor person will long remember with feelings of gratitude his kindly and timely aid. Mr. Cotton was married in 1871 to Elizabeth, daughter of the late George Borden Hazard, and she and her two children survive him. He also leaves five sisters.

The funeral will take place at 4 p. m. tomorrow (Sunday) and will be conducted by the Rev. S. C. Hill, former rector of Emmanuel Church.

Martha Knowles Brown.

Miss Martha Knowles Brown died at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Martha E. Brown, on Broadway, Monday afternoon, after a brief illness. She was some years ago adopted by Mrs. Brown and her husband, the late Daniel Brown, but had made her home with them for the greater part of her life. Miss Brown was bright and vivacious and was very popular among the young people of Newport, by whom her loss will be sincerely mourned. Funeral services were held from the residence of her mother on Broadway Thursday afternoon and were largely attended.

Edward A. Greene.

Mr. Edward A. Greene, of Central Falls, died of nervous prostration in Philadelphia, having been ill but a short time. He left his home in Central Falls for Philadelphia, where he was under the care of Dr. Weir Mitchell, of that place. Mr. Greene was president and treasurer of the Greene and Daniels Manufacturing Company of Pawtucket.

Mr. H. F. Brown, chemist at the Torpedo Station, left on Wednesday last to enter upon his new duties with the Dupont powder works at New Brunswick, N. Y. Mrs. Brown will leave as soon as she is able. She has recently undergone an operation at the Newport Hospital for appendicitis, and is gaining health steadily.

Mrs. F. O. French and her daughter, Miss Elsie French, arrived at their residence, "Harborview," the past week.

Major D. W. Lockwood, U. S. Corps of Engineers, left Newport the past week for his new post of duty in St. Paul.

City Council.

Special Meeting Tuesday Evening for the City Hall Commission.

A special meeting of the city hall commission was held Tuesday evening, to take action on the recommendations of the city hall commission regarding the awarding of contracts for completing the city hall.

A resolution was passed authorizing the extension of a granite sidewalk in Pope street and a petition for a similar walk in Channing avenue, south side, was referred to the committee on streets and highways.

A report was received from the city hall commission stating that in response to advertisements for bids for building a retaining wall on the east side of the city hall lot, the following bids were received: Friend & Maguire, \$2,500; Morgan Bros., \$2,500; Herbert Wilson, \$2,740; Alexander Booth, \$2,575. The commission recommended that the contract be awarded to Mr. Booth. The report also states that the only bid received for supplying steel furnishings for vaults in the offices of probate clerk and city clerk was from the Art Metal Construction Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., in the sum of \$5,500, and recommended that the contract be awarded to this concern. For furniture for the building bids were received from Joseph Graham, A. C. Tins Company, and Jeremiah W. Horton & Company, none of which were accepted. Resolutions were adopted authorizing the city hall commission to sign contracts as recommended.

A petition for a sewer in the King lands east of Jeffrey road was referred to the committee on streets and highways. A resolution was passed ordering a granite sidewalk in Van Zandt avenue, north side from Second to Third streets. A motion to invite the board of aldermen to go into joint convention was made in the common council. A motion to adjourn was made and lost 7 to 7, and a motion to lay the previous motion on the table was lost by the same vote. The common council then adjourned.

In the board of aldermen, sitting as a board of health, Aldermen O'Neill and Haire were appointed a special committee to investigate the sewer on Halidon Hill, which was complained of by Mr. L. Q. Jones. Sanitary Inspector Onian was present and described the trouble with the sewer. The condition of the crossing at Downing street and Bellevue avenue was the subject of a tilt in the board of aldermen, when Alderman Haire asked who ordered a load of dirt dumped there. Aldermen Hamilton and Shanteler, the special committee appointed to investigate an alleged nuisance on the Elias Estate, on Clark street, recommended that the onthouse be condemned and the sanitary inspector abate the nuisance.

The board of aldermen granted plumbers' licenses to John Crenin, Patrick H. Coffey, Michael H. Sullivan, Thomas J. Murphy and James Openshaw, and approved their bonds.

Newport Railway Officials.

At the annual meeting of the Newport and Fall River Street Railroad company held Monday, in Newport, the following directors for the ensuing year were elected:

Directors—J. F. Sullivan, Melville Hall, A. C. Leach, George H. Chace, George H. Chace, George H. Chace, Robert S. Goff and Herbert H. Reed.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following election occurred:

President—J. F. Sullivan, Leach. Vice President—Melville Hall, Middletown. Treasurer—Joseph H. Goodspeed, Boston. Secretary—A. C. Leach, Newport. Executive Committee—J. F. Sullivan, Melville Hall and R. S. Goff. Assistant Treasurer—Herbert H. Reed, Fall River.

Auditor—H. D. Bartlett, Boston. General Manager—E. C. Foster, Lynn. Purchasing Agent—Frederick Taylor, Boston. Electrical Engineer—C. F. Bonner. General Superintendent—Robert S. Goff, Fall River. Superintendents—George P. Menger, Newport.

Mate Olaf Christopherson, of the training ship Constellation, had a narrow escape from a serious accident on Tuesday evening last. While returning to his home on his wheel a pair of horses, driven by Mrs. William B. Congdon, became frightened and shied to one side. In attempting to dismount to one side he lost his balance and the handle bars crashed through the window of Mr. Michael Kearney's saloon on Thames street and when Mate Olaf Christopherson was picked up, it was thought he was cut or badly hurt, but fortunately the only damage done was the breaking of the window in Mr. Kearney's place.

At the meeting of Aquidneck Grange Thursday evening it was voted to adjourn to next Tuesday evening, when a somewhat elaborate entertainment will be given during the lecturer's hour.

Miss Annie Cottrell has returned from an extended trip abroad.

Police Commission Hearing.

A hearing on the constitutionality of the act creating a police commission for the city of Newport was given by the Supreme court in Providence on Thursday. Chief Justice Stines and Associate Justices Tillinghast, Wilbur, Dubois and Blodgett were present to hear the arguments. The objections to the act were presented by Arnold Green of Providence, City Solicitor Brown of this city and Amasa M. Eaton of Providence. The respondents were represented by District Attorney Charles A. Wilson, Clark Burdick and William P. Sheffield, Jr.

After the reading of the bill by City Solicitor Brown, Mr. Green presented the case for the petitioners. He said in part:

"We claim that these unconstitutional provisions so permeate the act as to render the whole void and ineffective. Absolute local self-government is one of the foundations of Rhode Island government. This power is abrogated by this act if it is held to be constitutional. This act sweeps it out of existence and it does more. It appoints three men absolutely responsible to no one, with power to spend \$30,000 of money raised by taxation in Newport without accounting to anyone. They are made a legislative body as well. We object to this act."

"If the Legislature can authorize the Governor to appoint, the Legislature can appoint itself. If the Legislature has a right to appoint these men for Newport it has a right to appoint them for every city and town in the State."

"This act gives power to make ordinances. Then the District Court of Newport is ordered to see that these ordinances are carried out. First, they have the right to make ordinances. Then they have a right to resort to the most drastic measures known to the highest courts of justice. They may ask a man to produce his books, may ask him all kinds of questions, and then, should he refuse to answer, may have him imprisoned for life. This act was sprung upon the citizens of Newport without any notice having been given them. It is a wrong, an injustice, and I have gladly consented to speak against it."

Mr. Green then pointed out the articles of the constitution with which he claimed the act conflicted. He was followed by Mr. Eaton, who argued at considerable length against the constitutionality of the act.

The respondents' side was then presented. After stating that the City of Newport was no proper party to the suit and referring to the public hearing before the act was passed by the general assembly, the question of constitutionality was touched upon.

"This is the first time, so far as known within this State, that the created has been claimed to be superior to the creator; that a town or a city is superior to the State that created it. The Constitution of the State is the fundamental law of the State. In other words, it is that instrument which authorizes the formation or continuance of a government for a State and provides for defining, limiting and distributing its powers. The question may be properly asked what provision of power given by the Constitution has been violated by the passage of this act? If any, it must be the legislative power which the act invades. The distribution of powers in the Constitution confers all of the legislative power upon the General Assembly. It reserves nothing of this power to the towns, and whatever power in legislation has been given to or is exercised by the towns is derived from the Legislature. If the towns do not derive their power to elect officers or even to exist at all from the Legislature, whence are these powers derived? The colonial towns were chartered by the General Assembly. The Constitution of the State, giving all legislative power to the General Assembly, was adopted by all the towns of the State. Action prior to adoption of Constitution gives a municipal corporation no independence of legislative power. Public corporations are but parts of the machinery employed in carrying on the affairs of the state and they are subject to be changed, modified or destroyed as the exigencies of the public may demand."

A number of similar causes in other states were then quoted. Mr. Sheffield followed in an argument on the constitutionality, after which the court arose. An opinion is expected within a short time.

Naval Dance.

The third in the series of dances took place at the War College at Coasters Harbor Island on Saturday last, and was very largely represented by the army and navy officers and their wives daughters and lady friends. For two hours dancing was enjoyed by all present in the main lecture room. The Naval Training Station band furnished the music. Refreshments were served in the lecture rooms.

A Boys' Brigade.

A Boys' Brigade has been organized at the First Presbyterian church with 16 charter members and the following officers:

Captain—John Maclean. First Lieutenant—William Lawton. Second Lieutenant—George Minger. First Sergeant—Orin Alger. First Duty Sergeant—Howard Sanford. Second Duty Sergeant—Eugene Weeden.

The butchers and grocers of Attleboro, Mass., made an excursion to this city on the Pioneer on Tuesday last.

THE DANVERS JEWELS.

(Chapter IX continued.)

"I am I to speak, or is Middleton?" said Charles at last in despair. "I will do a solo, or I will keep silence; but really I am unequal to a duet."

"Sir George," said Marston, "will you have the goodness to desire Col. Middleton to be silent or to leave the room until Charles has finished his story?"

I was justly annoyed at Marston's manner of speaking to me, but as I had no intention to leave the room and unless what was going on I merely bowed in answer to a civil request from Sir George and took up an attitude of dignified silence. I felt that I had done my part in vindicating my friend, and after all no one evidently was accustomed to believe what Charles said.

"As I was saying," he continued, "I suspected Carr from the first. I did not like the look of him, and I purposely pumped Middleton about him last night at supper."

I nearly burst out at the bare idea of Charles daring to say he had pumped me; but, as will be seen, he could twist anything that was said to such an extent that it was perfectly useless to contradict him any longer. I said not a single word and he went on.

"All Middleton told me confirmed me in my suspicions. Sir John had been murdered the night before Middleton sailed for England, a whisper of the jewels having no doubt gone abroad. Carr came on board next day and made friends with Middleton. Whether he had anything to do with the murder or not I do not know; but he found out—may I mention this as a coincidence—Middleton openly told him that he had jewels of great value in his possession, which he carried about on his person. Carr was the only person aware of that fact. What follows? Carr has Middleton's address in London. Middleton goes to the house and finds that his sister has moved to the next street. That house to which he first went is broken into and the poor woman in it is murdered or dies of fright that same night. I mention this as a coincidence number one. The following evening Middleton, having by chance left the jewels at home, dines and goes to the theatre by appointment with Carr. Unique cab accident occurs, in which Middleton is knocked on the head and rendered unconscious. Coincidence number two. Miss Middleton's house is broken into that same night on Middleton's return to it. Coincidence number three. When I put all this together last night, remembering that Carr, by Middleton's own account, was the only person aware that he had jewels of great value in his keeping, I felt absolutely certain (as I feel still) that he had accepted the invitation and come down from London solely for the purpose of stealing them. It was pure conjecture on my part, and I dared say nothing beyond begging Ralph not to leave the jewels in the library—which, however, he did. I went straight off to my room when the others went to smoke, but I did not go to bed. The more I thought it over the more certain I felt that Carr would not let slip such an opportunity; the more convinced that an attempt would be made that very night. I did not know that he was not sleeping in the house, but I knew Ralph was at the lodge, so I could not go and consult with him as I should otherwise have done. I thought of going to Middleton, whose room was close to mine, but on second thoughts I gave up the idea. I am glad I did. At last I determined I would wait till the house was quiet, and then I would go down alone and watch in the library in the dark. I lay down on my bed in my clothes to wait, and then I had been up most of the night before with Denis, I was dead beat with acting and dancing—by all Jack I fell asleep. When I woke up I found to my horror that it was close on 6 o'clock. I instantly slipped off my shoes and crept out of my room and down the stairs. I could not get to the library from the hall, as the stage blocked the way, and I had to go all the way round by the drawing room and morning room. As I went I thought how easy it would be for Carr to force the lock of the drawer, and so it flashed across me could I, Oh, Ralph! said Charles, "I went down solely to look after your property for you, but I did think of it. I hope I should not have done it, but I suddenly remembered how hard pressed I was for money, and I did think of the crescent and how you would hardly miss it and how—but what does it matter now? When I got to the library I found I was too late. The lock of the drawer had been forced and it was empty. There was nothing for it but to go back to my room. I felt as certain that Carr had done it as that I am standing here; but I dared say nothing next morning, for fear of drawing an ever ready parental suspicion on myself—which, however, Middleton did for me. All I could do was to keep Carr well in sight until the theft was found out, to prevent any possibility of his escaping, and then to accuse him. There!" said Charles, "that is the whole truth. Carr did not take the jewels. That is absolutely proved, and the sooner he is let out the better. Who took them heaven only knows! I don't. But I know who meant to, and that was Carr."

"Charles," said Ralph, with glistering eyes, "if over I get them back you shall have the crescent."

"A very neat little story altogether," said Sir George, "and the episode of temptation very effectively thrown in. It does you credit, my son, and is a great relief to your old father's mind."

"Thank you, Charles," said Marston, getting up. "Sir George, it is close on luncheon time and Carr must be let out at once. Now that Charles has so completely cleared himself I don't see that anything more can be done for the moment, and of one thing I am certain, namely, that you are making yourself much worse and must keep absolutely quiet for the rest of the day. If I may advise, I should suggest that Carr should be allowed to leave, as he wishes to do, by the afternoon train, and should not be pressed to stay. There is nothing more to be got out of him, and considering the circumstances I should say the sooner he is out of the house the better. As he has been wrongly suspected, I think the robbery had better not be mentioned to any one, even the ladies in the house, until after he has left."

"Aurelia knows," said Ralph. "She was with me in the library. I left her crying bitterly about them."

"Let her cry, if she will only hold her

tongue," said Sir George, making a last effort to speak, but evidently at the extreme point of exhaustion. "And you, Marston, you are right about Carr. See that he goes this afternoon. There is nothing more to be done at present. Charles, you will remain here, though I have no doubt you have an engagement in London. I cannot spare you just yet."

Charles bowed and he and Marston went out. I remained a second behind with Ralph.

"I see it quite clearly," said Sir George. "I know Charles. He is sharp enough. He saw Carr meant mischief, and he was beforehand with him, and he took what Carr meant to take. It was not badly imagined, but he should have made certain Carr was sleeping in the house. It all turned out that. He never reckoned on the possibility of Carr being cleared."

"Middleton is still here," said Ralph, significantly, who was pouring out something for his father.

"Is he? I thought he was gone," said Sir George, so sharply that I considered it advisable to retire at once.

Charles and Marston were talking together earnestly in the passage.

"He does not believe a word I say," said Charles, as I joined them; "and what is more I could see he had told Ralph he suspected me before we came in. Did you see how he looked when I said that?"

"Come on with that key of yours and let us go and let out Carr," replied Marston, patting Charles kindly on the back, "or he will be kicking all the point off the door."

"Not he!" said Charles. "An honest man would have rung up the whole household and nearly battered the door down by this time, thinking it had been locked by mistake. Carr knows better."

We had reached the smoking room by this time, just as the gong was beginning to sound for luncheon, and under cover of the noise Charles fitted the key into the keyhole and unlocked the door. He and Marston went slowly in, talking on some indifferent subject, and I followed.

CHAPTER X.



She was standing up, nervously playing with her rings.

The room seemed strangely quiet after the stormy interview in the sick chamber which we had just left. The pale winter sunlight was stealing in almost through the low windows. The fire had sunk to a deep red glow, and in an arm chair drawn up in front of it, newspaper in hand, was Carr, evidently fast asleep. "Oh, my prophetic soul!" whispered Charles, nudging Marston, and then he went forward and shouted, "Luncheon!" in a voice that would have waked the dead.

Carr started up and rubbed his eyes. "Why, I believe you have been here ever since I left you here, hours ago," said Charles, in a surprised tone, though really under the circumstances it did not require a great stretch of the imagination to suppose any such thing.

"Yes," said Carr, still rubbing his eyes. "Have you been gone long? I expect I fell asleep."

"I rather thought you were inclined for a nap when I left you," replied Charles, airily, "and now let us go to luncheon."

It was a very dismal meal. Lady Mary did not come down to it, and Aurelia sat with red eyes, tearful and silent. Ralph was evidently out of favor, for she hardly spoke to him, and snubbed him decidedly when he humbly tendered a peace offering in the form of a potato. Evelyn, too, was silent, or made spasmodic attempts at conversation with Mrs. Marston, the only unconstrained person of the party. Evelyn and Aurelia had appeared together, and it was evident from Evelyn's expression that Aurelia had told her. What conversation there was turned upon Sir George's illness.

"We must go by the afternoon train," my dear," said Marston down the table to his wife. "In Sir George's present state all visitors are an incubus."

Carr looked up. "I think I ought to go too," he said. "I wished to arrange to do so this morning, but Mr. Danvers, glancing at Charles, 'would not hear of it. I am sure when there is illness in a house strangers are always in the way.'"

"I have seen my father since then," replied Charles, "and I fear his illness is much more serious than I had any idea of. That being the case, I feel it would be wrong to press any one, even Middleton, to stay and share the tedium of a sick house."

After a few more civil speeches it was arranged that Carr should, after all, leave by the train which he had proposed in the morning. It was found that there was still time for him to do so, but that was all. He was evidently as anxious to be off as the Danverses were that he should go. The dog cart was ordered, a servant despatched to the lodge in hot haste to pack his portmanteau and in half an hour he was bidding us good-by, evidently glad to say it. Poor fellow! He little guessed, as he shook hands with us, how shamefully he had been suspected, how villainously he had been traduced behind his back.

Somehow or other I had not had a moment of conversation with him since the morning, or a single chance of telling him how I had stood up for him in his absence. Either Charles or Marston was always at hand, and when he took leave of me I could only shake his hand warmly, and tell him to come and see me again in town. I watched him spinning down the drive in the dog-cart, little thinking how soon I should see

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him again, and in what circumstances. "We shall have more snow," said Ralph, coming indoors. "I feel it in the air."

General and Mrs. Marston were the next to leave, starting an hour later and going in the opposite direction. I saw Marston turn aside when his wife was taking leave of the others and go up to Charles. The old hand and the young one met and were locked tight.

"Good-by, my dear boy," said Marston. "Don't go, my dear Charles, without looking up."

"I must," said Marston. "I am due at Kembley to-night, on business; but, in a lower tone, 'I shall come back tomorrow, in case I can be of any use.'"

They were gone, and I was the only one remaining. It has occurred to me since that perhaps they expected me to go, too, but I never thought of it at the time. I had been asked for a week, and to go before the end of it if never so much as entered my head.

There was no chance of going out. The early winter afternoon was already closing in, and a few flakes of snow were drifting like feathers in the heavy air, promising more to come. Every one seemed to have dispersed—Ralph up stairs to his father, Charles out of doors somewhere in spite of the weather. I remembered that I had not written to Jane since I left London, and went into the library to do so.

As I came in I saw Evelyn sitting in a low chair by the fire, gazing abstractedly into it. She started when she saw me, and on my saying I wished to write some letters, showed me a writing table near the fire, with pens, ink and paper.

"You will find it very cold at the big table window," she said, looking at it with its broken drawer, a chink open, with a visible shudder.

I installed myself near the fire, talking cheerfully the while, for it struck me she was a little low in her spirits. She did not make much response, and I was settling down to my letters when she suddenly said:

"Col. Middleton?"

"Yes, Miss Derrick."

"I am afraid I am interrupting your writing, but—"

I looked round. She was standing up, nervously playing with her rings. "But—I know I am not supposed to—but I know what happened last night; Aurelia told me."

"It is very sad, isn't it?" I said. "But cheer up. I dare say we may get them back yet." And I nodded confidentially at her. "In the meantime, you know, you must not talk of it to any one."

"Do you suspect any one in particular?" she asked very earnestly, coming a step nearer.

I hardly knew what to say. Carr, I need hardly mention, I had never suspected for a moment; but Charles—Marston had evidently believed what Charles had said, but I am by nature more cautious and less credulous than Marston. Besides I had not forgiven Charles yet for trying to incriminate Carr. Not knowing what to say I shrugged my shoulders and smiled.

"You do suspect some one then?"

"My dear, young lady," I replied, "when jewels are stolen one naturally suspects some one has taken them."

"So I should imagine. Whom do you naturally suspect?"

I could not tell her that I more than suspected Charles.

"I know nothing for certain," I said. "But you have a suspicion?"

"I have a suspicion."

"She went to the door to see if it were shut, and then came back, and said in a whisper—"

"So have I."

"Perhaps we suspect the same person?" I said.

She did not answer, but fixed her dark eyes keenly on mine. I had never noticed before how dark they were.

I saw that she knew, and that she suspected Charles, just as Sir George had done.

"Nothing is proved," I said.

"I dared not say even as much as this before," she continued hurriedly. "It is only the wildest, vaguest suspicion. I have nothing to take hold of. It is so horrible to suspect any one; but—"

She stopped suddenly. Her quick ear had caught the sound of a distant step coming across the hall. In another moment Aurelia came in.

"Are you there, Evelyn?" she said. "I was looking for you, to ask where the time-table is. I want to look out my journey for tomorrow. Ralph ought to do it, but he is upstairs, with a little point."

"You ought not to have quarrelled with him until he had made it out for you," said Evelyn, smiling. "It is a very cross journey, isn't it? Let me see. You are going to your uncle in Dublin, are you not? You had better go to London and start from there. It will be the shortest way in the end."

The two girls laid their heads together over the breakfast-table. Evelyn's dark, soft hair making a charming contrast to Aurelia's yellow curls. At last the journey was made out and duly written down, and a post card addressed to the uncle in Dublin.

"Have you seen Ralph anywhere?" asked Aurelia when she had finished it. "I am afraid I was a little late to see him this morning, and I am sorry."

Evelyn always seemed to stiffen when Aurelia talked about Ralph, and under the pretext of putting her post card in the letter bag for her she presently left the room and did not return.

Aurelia sat down on the hearth rug and held two plump little hands to the fire. It was quite impossible to go on writing to Jane while she was there, and I gave it up accordingly.

"I am glad Evelyn is gone," she said, confidentially. "Do you know why I am glad?"

I said I could not imagine.

"Because," continued Aurelia, nodding gracefully at me, "I want to have a very, very, serious conversation with you, Col. Middleton."

I said I should be charmed, inwardly wondering what that little curly head would consider to be serious conversation.

"Really serious, you know," continued Aurelia, "not pretense. About that!" pointing with a pink finger at the ink-bottle writing table. "You know I was with Ralph when he found it out, and I am afraid I was a little cross to him, only really it was so hard and they were so lovely, and it was partly his fault, now, wasn't it, for leaving them there? He ought to have been more careful."

"Of course he ought," I said. "I would not have contradicted her for worlds."

"And you know I am to be married next month, and Aunt Alice in Dublin, who is getting my things, says as it is to be a winter wedding I am to be married in a white frise velvet, and I did think the diamonds would have looked so lovely with it, wouldn't they?"

I agreed, of course.

"But I shall never be married in them now," she said, with a deep sigh. "And I was looking forward to the wedding so much, though I dare say I did tell a naughty little story when I said I was not to Ralph, the other night. Of course Ralph is still left," she added, as an afterthought, "but it won't be so perfect, will it?"

I was morally certain Charles would have to give them up, so I said, reassuringly:

"Perhaps you may be married in them, after all."

"Oh!" she said, clasping her hands together, "do you really think so? Do you know anything? I have not seen Ralph since I ask him about it. Do you think we shall really get them back?"

"I should not wonder."

"Oh, Col. Middleton, I see you know. You are a clever, wise man, and you have found out something. Who is it? Do tell me!"

"Will you promise me to tell any one?"

"Mayn't I tell Ralph? I tell him everything."

"Well, you may tell Ralph because he knows already; but no one else, remember. The truth is we are afraid it is Charles."

There was a long pause.

"I know Evelyn thinks so," said Aurelia in a whisper, "though she tries not to show it, because—because—"

"Because what?"

"Well, of course you can't have helped seeing, can you, that she and Charles—"

I had not seen it; indeed I had fancied at times that Evelyn had a leaning toward Ralph, but I never care to seem slower than others in noticing these things, so I nodded.

"And then, you know, people can't be married that haven't any money, and Charles and Evelyn have none," said Aurelia. "Oh! I am glad Ralph is well off."

A light was breaking in on me. Perhaps it was not Charles after all. Perhaps—

"I am afraid Evelyn is very unhappy," continued Aurelia. "Her room is next to mine, and she walks up and down and up and down in the night. I hear her when I am in bed. Last night I heard her so late, so late that I had been to sleep and had waked up again. Do you know—and she crept close up to me with wide, awestruck eyes—'I am going away tomorrow, and I don't like to say anything to any one but you; but I think Evelyn knows something.'"

"Miss Derrick!" I said, beginning to suspect that she possibly knew a good deal more than any of us, and then suddenly remembering that she had been on the point of telling me something and had been interrupted. I was getting quite confused. She certainly would not have wished to confide in me if my new suspicion were correct. Considering there was a mystery, it was curious how everyone seemed to know something very particular about it.

"Yes," replied Aurelia, nodding once or twice. "I am sure she knows something. I went into her room before luncheon, and she was sitting with her head down on the dressing table, and when she looked up I saw she had been crying. I don't know what to say about it to Ralph, but you know—"

With a shake of the curls—"though people may think me only a silly little thing, yet I do notice things. Col. Middleton, Aunt Alice, in Dublin, often says how quickly I notice things, and I thought as you were saying on, and seemed to be a friend, I would tell you this before I went away, as you would know best what to do about it."

Aurelia had more insight into character than I had given her credit for. She had hit upon the most likely person to follow out a clue, however slight, in a case that seemed becoming more and more complicated. I inwardly resolved that I would have it out with Miss Derrick that very evening. Lady Mary now came in and servants followed shortly afterward with lamps. The dreary twilight with its dim whirlwinds of driving snow was shut out, the curtains were drawn and tea made its appearance. Evelyn presently returned and Charles also, who civilly wished Lady Mary good morning, not having seen her till then. She handed him his tea without a word in reply. It was evident that she also was aware of the robbery, and it is hardly necessary to add that she suspected Charles.

"How is my father?" he asked, taking no notice of the frigidity of her manner.

"He is asleep at this moment," she replied. "Ralph is remaining with him."

"He is better then, I hope?"

"He is in a very critical state and is likely to remain in it. His illness was quite serious enough without having it increased by one of his own household."

"Ah! I was afraid that had been the case," returned Charles. "I know you had been doctoring him when he was out of sorts yesterday. But you must not reproach yourself, Aunt Mary. We are none of us infallible. No doubt you acted for the best at the time, and I dare say what you gave him may not do him any permanent injury."

"If that is intended to be amusing,"

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"Squeezing" in China.

A curious instance of the exploits of the Chinese secret societies is given in an interview with M. Nagelmackers, the son of the well-known manager of the Wagons-Lits Company. M. Nagelmackers, who spent the winter in Peking, states that China is honey-combed with secret societies. It is practically an exception for a Chinaman not to belong to one of these associations, not all of which, however, are intended to serve such mischievous ends as those aimed at by the Boxers. Many of the societies are comparatively harmless and much resemble the guilds of medieval Europe. Almost every trade and calling has its secret society. The occult power wielded by these bodies is exercised by residents in China in connection with their domestic servants. The very gilded cooks and butlers are adepts in the art of hiding their pockets at their masters' expense, their favorite pastime being to overcharge their employers in connivance with the undertaker. The trouble is that there is nothing for it but to pay this tax with resignation. It is useless to discharge a servant who habitually makes you pay more than the market price for your meat, vegetables and other supplies. His secret society knows to a cent the amount of the "squeeze" in which you have been mulcted—"squeeze" being the suggestive pig in English expression for the illegitimate profits in question. The new servant is informed by the society of the "squeeze" exacted by his predecessor, and with imperturbable candor he will continue to levy precisely the same toll. In the unlikely event of his having leanings toward honesty, the servants' secret society would wreak dire vengeance on him for his treachery to his order. The amount of the "squeeze" varies with each employer. It is regulated in the main by the extortion submitted to by the resident on his arrival in the country. M. Nagelmackers says that the "squeeze" at the French Legation in Peking amounts to 17 per cent. The other legations escape a little more lightly.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Plague of Locusts.

A correspondent writes of the numerous swarms of locust which have come to the South African farms, and the method by which they farmers destroy them. The locusts cover everything and are described as blotting out the sun in their flight till it seemed as if they were flying through an orange mist. The rush of their wings fills the air with sound like the rattling of a storm through a pine forest, and the ladies of those which, wearied with flight, fell to the earth, covered the ground like a living carpet. Seen at a little distance, the main body of the swarm resembles a snow storm, the wings diaphanous in the sunlight, drifting along before the wind, or sinking softly toward the ground. It is impossible to ride through the living mass, as the buffeting of the face and hands of the rider becomes intolerable. As seen from behind the swarm is visible for miles, trailing across the country like a big band of smoke floating along before the breeze. When the swarm alights it destroys every green blade of vegetation, and leaves behind it a track of ruin and desolation. A method of dealing with the pests with fair effectiveness, even in the fully developed flying stage, has been discovered in the colony. A fungus has been found which thrives rapidly on their bodies, and leaves a fatal effect. The disease spreads with extraordinary rapidity, and if once a swarm is infected the whole mass of insects disappears in a few days' time. Cultivators of the fungus are supplied to the farmers by the government, and when a swarm approaches a neighborhood all the farmers have to do is to ride out with a can of the material and a sprinkler of twigs, and sprinkle it here and there on the locusts as they fly past him. In a few days there will be an end of that particular swarm. It is mentioned as characteristic of the monumental development of the local fauna, that they refuse to have anything to do with the new method of exterminating what is one of the greatest obstacles to successful farming in South Africa. They say God created the locust and it is sinful to destroy them.—Chicago Record.

Truthful Manager.

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Clerk: "Eighteen thousand."

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The Real Thing.

Daisy (taking her first meal in the country)—Mamma, what is the matter with this currant jelly?
Mamma (in a whisper)—Hush, dear! It's real currant jelly.—Chicago Tribune.

The Danvers Jewels.

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said Lady Mary, her test cup trembling in her hand, "I can only say that in my opinion willfully misunderstanding a simple statement is a very cheap form of wit."

"I am so glad to hear you say so," said Charles, rising, "as it was at your expense." With which Partington shot no withdrawn.

I endeavored in vain to waylay Evelyn after tea, but she slipped away almost before it was over and did not appear again till dinner time. In the meanwhile my brain, fertile in expedients on most occasions, could devise no means by which I could speak to her alone and without Charles' knowledge. I felt I must trust to chance.

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YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

Lost in the Big Cornfield—He Knew Who Joan Was—How to Make Shadowgraphs.

Molly and Jack were making a visit at grandpa's farm. One day Aunt Jennie put some bread and butter and cookies and two nice red apples into a little basket and told the children they could go on a picnic. So they trudged off together down through the lane.

"Where shall we go?" asked Jack.

"I know," said Molly. "Let's go down to the cornfield. We can pretend it is a forest, and we can be explorers."

So they walked on till they came to the edge of the cornfield. The stalks were thick and green and grew so high that they towered far above the children's heads, but Molly and Jack went merrily in, and soon they could not see any opening at all. They could see only long rows of tall, green stalks and now and then a little peep of blue sky.

"Now let's eat our lunch," said Jack, who was always hungry. So they sat down between two rows of corn. Molly spread out the big red napkin for a tablecloth and set it with the bread and butter and cookies and apples. They stripped off cornstalk leaves for plates.

It was a very nice lunch, and the children thought it was great fun exploring the wonderful cornstalk forest. Then Molly folded the napkin neatly, and Jack put it in his pocket, and they started to go home.

But, dear me! They walked and walked, but it seemed as if the cornstalk forest would never come to an end. They were such little people, and the cornstalks were so high that it began to seem a strange and lonely place. They could not tell whether to turn this way or that. Jack led the way bravely.

"It isn't really a forest," he said, "and we must find our way out some time." But even Jack began to look doubtful after they had tramped for what seemed a very long time, although it was really only a quarter of an hour.

And who do you suppose showed them the way home? Why, Thomas, the cat! He came strutting in a leisurely way among the avenues of corn, and when Molly said, "Oh, Tom, Tom, what shall we do?" he purred very loud, as much as to say: "Just follow me, little mistress; just follow me! I'll take you home!"

So Thomas led the children out of the cornstalk forest, and soon they heard their mother calling from the farmhouse gate.

Then Molly and Jack ran up the lane as fast as they could, while Thomas followed behind, waving his great, supercilious tail and purring softly.—A. H. N. in Little Men and Women.

He Knew Who Joan Was.

"Ma!" exclaimed the interrogation point, aged 7 years, a member of a respectable South Side family, as he sat reading. "Ma, who was the Maid of Orleans?"

"She was a young woman, a French patriot. Her other name was Joan of Arc," replied his mother. But by this time he was so interested in seeing his dog chase a neighbor's cat that the story of the French maiden had lost all hold of him.

It was some six months after this that his teacher was asking the class, "Who knows about Joan of Arc?" A dim recollection of having heard the name before puzzled but did not enlighten him.

"What was she maid of?" suggested the teacher.

"Maid of dust," they cried in chorus, thinking of their catfish.

But the question completed the circuit in the boy's memory. He dimly recalled his talk with his mother. Up went his hand. The teacher nodded. "She was a French patriot," he proudly answered.—Chicago Chronicle.

How to Make Shadowgraphs.

Stretch a white cloth or a large sheet of white paper on the wall in a darkened room, and opposite to it place a small table on which there is a lighted candle. Put a book or some similar object between the candle and the cloth, so that it will cut off the light from the latter, leaving it comparative-

ly dark.

When you are ready to show your pictures, hold a mirror sideways before the candle at such an angle that the reflection will be thrown on the cloth. The pictures that you show will be really silhouettes, and you will need, therefore, little figures cut out of stiff paper. Hold one of them between the candle and the mirror, and its sharply defined shadow will be thrown on the cloth. By moving it forward you may make it appear to walk across the cloth. The effect will be all the better if you make the mirror fast, so that you may use both hands in moving the figures. Thus you may get a variety of movements, even in two directions at the same time.

He Knew Her.

"Home already, Percy dear? Come, give me a kiss."

"Let me see your hands first."

"Why, your suspicious boy?"

"I want to see whether you have a dressmaker's bill in one of them."

Good Cookery

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NURSERY COOKERY.

THE SMALL CHILD'S SUMMER DUTY.

By Christine Terhune Herrick.

(Continued from last week.)

A word about cherry stones. Children should be warned never to swallow them. This caution may seem unnecessary, but I have heard of one woman who always encouraged her children to swallow the pits, telling a horrified friend, who protested against such a course that the purple acid in the stones assisted digestion! She did not mention how the acid was to get out of the stones in order to have this effect.

If I have touched upon cherries first, it is because the cherry tree is always with us, so to speak, and the fruit is so personally tempting to the young of the human species. But even before the cherries make their appearance, except at high prices, strawberries are in the market, and with the cherries come berries of other kinds. As a general thing they can all be safely eaten by any except very young children, but it must be without cream. The acid of the fruit has a tendency to curdle uncooked milk or cream, and even the stomach of an adult takes chances in eating cream with fresh berries.

Another danger—and this is less easily avoided—is that of the seeds. Those of the raspberry, black or red, and of the blackberry are especially dangerous. Always, when a child is permitted to eat berries freely, great care should be taken that his bowels are kept open, and that there is no chance of the seed-filled little fruits accumulating in the intestines. If this precaution is neglected, intense pain, and in some cases, serious danger to life, may be the result. Cooking softens the seeds of the berries to a degree, and it is often safe for a child to eat cooked small fruits when he would have trouble were he to take them in their natural state. Simple fruit puddings that the child can eat may be made for the nursery table, and although beiled puddings and those raised with yeast should be avoided, others may be made that will be more wholesome and no less appetizing.

BAKED STRAWBERRY PUDDING.

Soak one scant cup of white bread-crumbs for half an hour in one pint of milk. Cream together half a cup of sugar and a scant tablespoonful of butter. Beat the yolks of three eggs light and mix with the butter and sugar. Stir into this the bread crumbs and milk, beating hard until all are light together. Flavor with the juice of half a lemon. Turn into a pudding dish, which should have been buttered lightly, and bake until the pudding is firm. Draw it then to the door of the oven and spread thickly over the top ripe hulled strawberries of medium size. Sprinkle them with powdered sugar and heap over them a meringue made of the whites of the eggs, whipped stiff with two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Close the oven door and leave the pudding in just long enough to brown the meringue lightly. Eat cold, with sugar and cream. This is a nice dessert and will be relished by adults as much as by children.

OLD-FASHIONED STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE.

Make a biscuit dough by working a tablespoonful of good, sweet shortening—butter and lard make a good mixture—into a pint of flour, to which has been added two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Make this into a soft dough with milk—rich milk, if you can get it, and have it as soft as it can be handled. Form it into a round cake with the hands and bake it in a shallow tin, either round or square. When done, split it, spread it lightly with butter, and put the strawberries between the two layers. The berries should have been crushed lightly with the back of a spoon and sprinkled plentifully with sugar. Let the cake stand a few minutes before going to the table. It may be eaten with or without cream by the grown ups and without cream always by the children. This dish is an altogether different thing from the preparation commonly made and sold as strawberry shortcake. Raspberries may be used in place of strawberries after the season for these is past.

HOT BREAKFAST SHORTCAKE.

Make a dough as directed in the preceding recipe. Roll part of it into a sheet about a quarter of an inch thick and spread it in the bottom of a greased baking pan. Strew it thickly with berries of almost any kind, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, sprinkle thickly with sugar and spread the rest of the dough, also rolled into a sheet about twice as thick as the under portion, over berries and sugar. Bake in a steady oven until done. Cut in squares, pile on a dish and send to table hot. Split open on each plate and eat with butter and sugar.

I have called this a breakfast cake, but it is also excellent for a simple dessert. After berry time, sliced peaches may be used in place of the berries and are no less good.

(Continued next week.)

FOR YOUR SCRAP-BOOK.

Recipes From Many Sources and of Acknowledged Worth.

CREAM PIE CRUST.

To one part of sifted flour add one even teaspoonful of baking powder and sweet cream enough to wet the dough and make a good rich crust. This is enough to make two pies.

HICKORY NUT CAKES.

Mix together one egg, one-half cupful of flour, one cupful of sugar and one cupful of hickory nuts cut fine; roll and bake in a quick oven.

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CHICKEN STEW.

Into a deep stewpan put one-half of a cupful of olive oil, one chopped onion and two cloves of garlic slightly bruised. Cook until they are slightly colored and then add the chicken, cleaned and prepared as for fricasse, and about one-quarter of a pound of bacon cut into small slices. Cook until the chicken is a golden brown, and then add half a dozen large tomatoes, peeled and sliced, a pinch of saffron, one bay leaf, one green pepper, seeded and chopped fine, and one or two cloves. Cover the stewpan and cook about half an hour and then add one pint of boiling water, the same amount of well-washed rice, with salt and pepper to season to taste. Cook until the rice has absorbed all the liquid, then draw back and let it steam for a few minutes longer. If you are fond of southern cooking this dish will surely please you.

STEWED TONGUE.

Cut strips of bacon with larding strips, dredge with a mixture of chopped parsley, salt, pepper and allspice, and lay the beef's tongue with the prepared strips. Put into a saucepan two ounces of bacon cut in slices, four sprigs of parsley, two of thyme, a clove of garlic, two cloves, two carrots cut into dice, two small onions, with salt and pepper to season to taste. Lay the largest tongue on the whole, wet with a glass of red broth and the juice of one lemon, set on a moderate fire and cook slowly about five hours. Keeping well covered. Take up the tongue on a platter and strain the juice over it. If too thin it may be thickened with cornstarch.

SPANISH SCRAMBLED EGGS.

Chop fine one red pepper, first carefully removing all the seeds. Beat one tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan, add the pepper and cook slowly for a couple of minutes, then add one tablespoonful of chopped onion and cook as much longer the pepper and onion should not be browned, then add one cupful of peeled tomatoes cut up and cook for five minutes longer. Beat well half a dozen eggs in a little good stock, half a cupful of stock will do, pour into the frying pan and stir, cooking slowly to a soft scramble. At the last moment add salt to season and a tablespoonful of grated cheese.

SPICED TOMATOES.

To four pounds of ripe tomatoes take two pounds of brown sugar, one pint of elder vinegar, half an ounce of cloves and same amount of stick cinnamon, stew all together in porcelain lined kettle until tomatoes are cooked; take the tomatoes out, put them on plates to cool, letting the syrup go on simmering; when tomatoes are cold return them to the syrup for a few minutes and then put them in jars. Roll the syrup down as thick as molasses and pour cold over the tomatoes; cover all with waxed paper.

ICED RICE PUDDING.

Boil half a cupful of well washed rice in a little of water for half an hour, drain, cover with milk and cook another half hour; take up and rub through a sieve. Put on the fire again, this time in a double boiler, add the yolks of six eggs and one and one-half cupfuls of sugar beaten together until light; stir until the mixture begins to thicken. Set aside until cool, add one tablespoonful of vanilla, put in a freezer and when stiff add one quart of whipped cream, mix well and freeze again.

MOCK DRIED.

Take a full slice of the "top of the round" steak, season it with salt and pepper and spread over it a thick layer of dressing, such as you fix stuffing turkey or chicken; roll up and the securely with a cord, place in a baking pan with just a little water; dust with salt, pepper and flour as you would a roast, and bake, basting frequently. When done remove the cord and send to the table hot.

SMOTHERED POTATOES.

Scrape one quart of small new potatoes and cut them in quarters, and cut one bunch of green onions into half-inch pieces. Put the potatoes and onions into a thick bottomed spider or stewpan, add salt and pepper to season and one cupful of rich cream. Cover the spider closely and cook over a slow fire, shaking occasionally to prevent sticking or burning. It will take about half an hour to cook the dish.

HORSE RADISH VINEGAR.

Heat one quart of best elder vinegar to the boiling point and pour it over four ounces of scraped or grated horse radish. Let it stand for one week and then strain it off; renew the horse radish, adding the same vinegar cold and let it infuse another week, straining again at last.

TOMATO PICKLE.

Take three dozen green tomatoes, one dozen green peppers (seeded), ten large onions, eight cups of cider vinegar, six tablespoonfuls of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of salt, celery and mustard seed to taste; seal well together.

PEARL RABBIT.

Wash rabbit in several waters and tie up in a cloth loosely, so that it will have room to swell; boil it four hours in water enough to cover, adding more boiling water as it is necessary. Serve with sweet milk.

CURRANT ICE.

Boil down three pints of water and one pound and one-half of sugar to one quart, skim thoroughly, add two cups of currant juice, and when partly frozen add the whites of five eggs.

Mrs. Gablemore—Isn't it strange that of all the people one meets so few are really entertaining?
Mrs. Slightleigh—Yes, it is surprising that there are so few good listeners.—Harper's Bazar.

"Where does Li Hung Chang figure in this Chinese flower business?"
"He probably has the white-sauce privilege."—Philadelphia North American.

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The Mercury.

JOHN P. SANBORN, Editor and Manager.

Saturday, July 28, 1900.

With an additional \$7,000,000 to increase the Navy, we should see some good results in that branch of the United States defense force of which the American people are so justly proud.

There is prospect of at least three electric roads between Fall River and Providence. One by the N.Y., N. H. and H. tracks, one via Swansea and one by the way of Warrren, which is a continuation of the Union Co.'s road from Riverside.

Speaking of the effect of the Finkler bill upon Cuba and the Columbian, "La Jarcha," published in Havana, says: "It has been of untold benefit to the island, and will stand as a monument to the shrewdness of purpose on the part of the American Government."

The authorities in Providence are making vigorous efforts to collect the poll tax, and thus far are succeeding admirably. Nearly \$15,000 have been already collected, and the work is only just begun. Newport might profit by the example of Providence in this respect.

The class now under instruction at the Torpedo Station will finish their course next week, and many of the officers will then be ordered to the Pacific coast. It is not thought that another class will be ordered here, as if there is a war with China all the officers will be in demand.

The Block Island season is progressing very favorably. Most of the hotels are well filled and the guests are all apparently enjoying themselves. As a resort where the ocean can be seen in all its purity, and where the sea breezes can always be enjoyed, Block Island cannot well be beaten.

Free silver is practically dead in the West, says Gov. N. O. Murphy, of Arizona. The West, he adds, has turned its interests to other issues. Expansion is universally favored throughout the Western States. The nomination of Roosevelt also has helped the Republicans greatly in the West. It begins, thus early, to look like a landslide.

It is a foregone conclusion that President McKinley is to be re-elected, so the fight will come on the house of representatives where both sides have a fighting chance. In the last Congress there were thirty-eight representatives chosen by less than five hundred majority each. In each of those districts hard missionary work will doubtless be done this year. The Republicans will have to work hard to carry a majority of the districts.

In order to advertise their hotel at the Pier they propose to give a "Governor's Ball" there on August 20, Gov. Gregory and staff are to be the drawing card. Why does not Newport, Jamestown and Block Island follow suit, and also give a "Governor's Ball" to advertise the place? The Governor of Rhode Island does not have much to do anyway, so if he can be used to advertise summer resorts he might in that way help "pay his keep."

Every man who travels much by railroad in this country will be pleased to note the fact that the Wagner Sleeping Car Company has been compelled to pay seven hundred and fifty dollars because it sold two tickets for the same berth, forcing the later owner to sit up all night in a day coach. There is a very general belief that it is time the sleeping car companies were taught in some effective way that their patrons have some rights that must be respected in a law regulated country.—Providence Journal.

The above tells the truth in the right place. If there is any corporation that apparently considers itself outside and above the law it is the sleeping car corporation. The various state legislatures should take the case in hand and pass laws that will in some way hold them in check.

Of the 111 banks in the United States that have gross deposits of \$5,000,000 or more, the National City of New York city, leads the list with deposits of \$130,396,000. Next in order come the Commerce, Park, Hanover, and Chase of New York. The First of Chicago, is sixth, with deposits of more than \$50,000,000. The banks which can show deposits in excess of \$5,000,000, number in New York, 33; Chicago, 13; Boston, 11; Philadelphia, 10; Pittsburgh, 8; St. Louis, 5; Kansas City, Denver, Cleveland and San Francisco, 3 each; Brooklyn, Omaha, Baltimore, Albany, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Milwaukee, 2 each; and Minneapolis, Jersey City, Scranton, St. Paul, Washington, Portland, Ore., and Detroit, 1 each.

Mrs. George H. Norman and her daughter, Miss Norman, left for New York the past week, sailing on Wednesday for Europe.

Rev. Mr. Deffen, assistant rector of Trinity Parish, is entertaining his brother, Mr. William Deffen, of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The fishermen have been receiving very low prices for their fish the past week; consequently the shipment has been small.

The picnic of Emmanuel Church and Sunday School was indefinitely postponed Thursday, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

On the evening of August 8, uniformed rank, Knights of Pythias, of Attolera, will make a moonlight excursion to this city.

The Administration Right.

The papers in many quarters are blaming the administration because it has not been more aggressive in attempting to relieve the beleaguered ministers shut up in the walls of Peking. But it is difficult to see what more President McKinley could have done than he has done. If the entire allied forces of Europe, now in Chinese waters and on Chinese soil, cannot or dare not advance against the Chinese stronghold without large reinforcements, it certainly would be madness for this nation to attempt the rescue alone. It sent its available troops as soon as the troops of any nation were sent and the gallant Ninth did brave service at the capture of Tientsin. For their bravery and heroic conduct they received the thanks of the British general in command of the English speaking allies. But the United States is today forced into the position of depending on the Chinese themselves to rescue the legations, and the authorities are wisely concentrating all their efforts to that end. They are bringing every influence to bear on the high officials throughout China who have exhibited a friendly disposition to foreigners. It is recognized by the President and his immediate subordinates that the inmates of the legations, if not already destroyed, cannot be relieved by the armed intervention of the allies for several weeks at least, and the most optimistic cannot believe that the British Legation could hold out so long without substantial assistance from Chinese sources, especially as the confidence of officials is complete in the Chinese message that the bombardment of shot and shell was continuous a week ago. The authorities have reluctantly reconciled themselves to the hopelessness of a quick advance from Tientsin, which to be effective would have to be executed with such celerity as to cut off the army which was whipped a week ago and which is now presumably retreating upon Peking, where its infuriated strength may be promptly thrown against the Imperial forces, and in co-operation with the hordes besieging the foreigners result in the immediate crushing of the resistance behind the British Legation walls, already weakened by the long strain.

This view, which has a much firmer ground in the official mind than mere surmise, makes the Peking situation more perilous than it ever has been since the Taku forts were taken, and carries the conviction that the general massacre so often feared to have actually taken place cannot now be postponed for more than a day or two at the utmost, unless rescue can be accomplished at once. The sole conceivable resource of this Government, under these circumstances, lies in the men who declare they carried the message to Congress and brought his response. If it is true that they forged the dispatch, then all hope is absolutely abandoned; and, according to those who continue to declare that the message was spurious, any further dealings between American officials and the foreigners would be revolting to National honor.

Perhaps it may eventually prove fortunate that more reliance was placed on that test message than on the allied forces in saving the Diplomatic Corps and their households, for it may be stated authoritatively that no inducement is being omitted by the United States to encourage the Viceroy and other Chinese officials who have evinced an amicable disposition toward this country to exert all their influence to stem the Boxer movement and restore order at Peking.

The United States is today practically alone in this effort—a fact which adds much to its effectiveness—for the officials to whom the appeal is made appreciate the absence of ulterior motives on the part of this Government and that its guarantee alone holds the Powers to the open door policy and all that is for China's best interest. It has been this exhibition of reliance on Chinese officials at a time when no other reliance was possible, it is believed, that has prevented the destruction of foreigners and their property at Canton, Shanghai, Foo-Chow and other ports, and having cultivated this confidence of the leading Chinese officials when the rest of the world derided them, the United States has now found itself in a position to secure their co-operation when every other resource fails.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals. Simeon Hazard has rented to John C. Hatzell, of New York, for the summer, the furnished house, No. 18 Channing avenue, for Dr. William C. Stoddard.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Mr. Arthur B. Emmons his furnished cottage, known as the "Middle Cottage," on the east shore, to Dr. R. H. Harle, of Philadelphia, for the remainder of the season.

The Mary A. Oxx estate was again sold at mortgagee's sale Monday. A good-sized number were present and after considerable bidding it was sold to Elizabeth Anthony for \$731.

Simeon Hazard has sold for Peter Faerber and wife their house on the northern side of Clinton avenue to Albert J. Shippee. The lot is bounded northerly by land now or formerly of George H. Kelly, fifty feet; southerly by said Clinton avenue, fifty feet; easterly by land of William Sherman, deceased, ninety-four feet; westerly by land of George A. Pritchard, ninety-three feet.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented at Jamestown, for Arthur B. Emmons, the "Middle Cottage," so-called, on the East Shore, to Dr. A. H. Harle, of Philadelphia, for the remainder of the summer season.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for E. A. Hall, of Boston, one of the Land Trust group of cottages, No. XX, on Easton's Beach, Middletown, to Counselor J. W. Cummings, formerly Mayor of Fall River, Mass.

Affairs at the Capital.

Secretary Hay's Skillful Diplomacy—War With China—General Chaffee's Staff—The Political Outlook.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 28, 1900. Secretary Hay's able and adroit handling of the diplomatic end of the Chinese trouble is far-sighted statesmanship of the highest order, which will in the end pay big dividends in dollars and cents as well as in the goodwill of the Chinese. He has treated the Chinese Minister at Washington in an open frank manner, implying confidence in him as a man, and the belief that his government was doing the best it could under the circumstances, while the Chinese ministers at all the European capitals have been and are being treated as though they were spies to be watched and to even have their free use of the telegraph in communicating with their government curtailed. The result is that China regards the United States as the only friend she has among the nations with the possible exception of Japan. The Chinese Minister is deeply grateful for Secretary Hay's acceptance of the telegram from Minister Conger, as genuine, and his continued assertion of his belief in the good faith of the Chinese government, in the face of official European doubts and sneers. The European governments all have selfish reasons for wishing to throw discredit on the Chinese government, while we have not.

Hon. Charles D. Tower, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, is in Washington on leave of absence, and will go to Canton this week to see President McKinley. He says the people of this country cannot appreciate the high standing, as a world power, President McKinley has given the United States with the great nations, and he believes that the United States will necessarily play an important part in the final settlement of the Chinese troubles, because it is the only nation which has the absolute confidence of the governments of all the nations concerned, including that of China. Mr. Tower doesn't believe the report of a declaration of war against China by Russia, which he thinks grew out of the declaration of a state of edge by the Russian government, which is about equivalent to our martial law—putting a disorderly settlement under military government to restore order.

Brigadier General Charles F. Humphrey, now Chief Quartermaster at Havana, who distinguished himself as General Shafter's Chief Quartermaster in the Santiago campaign, has been assigned to duty on the staff of Gen. Chaffee, now on his way to China to take command of the American troops. Gen. Chaffee will not learn of his promotion to Maj. General of Volunteers until he reaches Nagasaki, Japan, where his final orders will be added to him. He is due there this week.

One by one, the democrats are dropping out of their campaign bogey men. They will have no foundation upon which to hang innuendoes about the doubtfulness of the administration's intentions towards Cuba, now that a definite programme, so far as such a thing is possible, has been announced as to the turning over of Cuba to the Cubans by this government.

It was impossible to set a date, but the official statement that as soon as the Cuban government, which will be provided for by the Constitutional Convention, delegates to which will be elected in September, can be got into working order, the United States would withdraw from the island, is so definite that it just as effectually disposes of the matter as though a date were named for our retirement from the island.

Mr. John T. Hartman, a prominent lawyer and active republican of the State of Washington, who is now visiting the National Capital, said of the political outlook in his state: "The republicans will score a big victory in Washington this year. McKinley and Roosevelt's plurality will not be far from 6,000. Four years ago Bryan carried the state by 13,000. In 1898, the republican plurality was 3,500. We are sure to add considerably to the 1898 figures this year, and if Bryan talks anti-imperialism too much there's no telling how great the victory will be. Every republican in the state favors expansion, and I doubt if you could find a dozen democrats in Washington who, down at the bottom of their hearts, do not believe it is the right policy. Not only are we going to carry the state for McKinley and Roosevelt, but we are going to carry it without asking the National Committee for a single dollar, for a single sheet of campaign literature, or for a solitary orator. More than this, we are going to have some money to contribute to help along the cause in more doubtful states."

Senator Burrows is in Washington on business. He says the campaign hasn't started in Michigan yet, but that the state is all right both as to Presidential electors and Congressional districts, and that McKinley and Roosevelt's plurality in the state will not be less than 50,000.—N. Y. Z.

To Go Soon.

Mr. William W. Rockhill has left his summer quarters at Block Island, where he has been a guest for many seasons, and gone to Washington, where he has begun preparations for immediate departure for China. He has decided to take Mrs. Rockhill with him, and will sail from San Francisco on the steamer America Maru, for the Japanese Line. He will leave Mrs. Rockhill at Yokohama or Nagasaki while he goes to Shanghai. At that point he will determine in what direction to proceed. Mr. Rockhill does not underestimate the magnitude of the task set for him by the President. He is at as the eyes and ears of the Administration in China, to make careful inquiries into existing conditions, to learn the exact causes of the Boxer uprising and report the facts to the President for his guidance in the ultimate settlement and in framing his policy for the future.

This task will involve a large amount of travel in China. Mr. Rockhill believes that it will not be sufficient merely to look into conditions in Shan Tung Province, and perhaps in Peking, if he can obtain access to the capital. He also must visit other provinces and cities where there are disturbances and danger to foreign interests, and will probably incur some personal risk. But it is regarded as a necessary undertaking if the President is

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to have a comprehensive understanding of the conditions in China.

It is expressly stated that Mr. Rockhill goes to China simply as an observer for the President. This is technically true, but full diplomatic powers will be given to him later on if it seems expedient and in the interest of an early settlement of the Chinese problem to have an authorized agent of the United States Government in the field. It is probable that he will be the next United States Minister to China if Mr. Conger has been murdered.

Naval War College.

Schedule for Week ending August 4, 1900.

July 30th, Monday, 9:30. All committees, War Chills and War Games, 11:45. "Attack and defense," Captain Walker.

July 31st, Tuesday, 9:30. Committees 1 and 3, War Games. Committees 2 and 4, Tactics Studies, 11:45. "Convoy and transports," Captain Walker.

Aug. 1st, Wednesday, 9:30. All committees, consideration of Main Problem, 11:45. "Errors of Gunfire at Sea," Professor Alger, U. S. N.

Aug. 2nd, Thursday, 9:30. Committees 2 and 4, War Games. Committees 1 and 3, Strategic situation, 11:45. "Ordnance and Armor," Professor Alger.

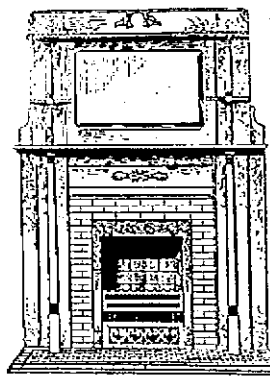
Aug. 3rd, Friday, 9:30. Committees 2 and 4, Tactics Studies, 11:45. "Interior Waters. Committees 1 and 3, Strategic situation, 11:45. Conference on types of ships best suited for the Navy."

Aug. 4th, Saturday, 9:30. Strategic situation.

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Election of Officers.

The following officers of Division No. 2, A. O. U. L., have recently been elected for the ensuing year:

President—Maurice Roach. Vice President—J. J. O'Neill. Recording Secretary—Nicholas Moriarty. Financial Secretary—P. R. Condon. Treasurer—P. B. Burke. Trustees for Three Years—C. D. Curran.

The directors of the company formed to build the proposed highway electric road between Providence and Fall River via Swansea met in Boston Wednesday. The first assessment call for stock payments was issued and the road's engineer was ordered to proceed with the layout of the line.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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First Quarter 11th day, 7:11 a.m., evening.

Full Moon 21st, 5:22 a.m., morning.

Last Quarter 10th, 6:31 a.m., morning.

New Moon 24th day, 8:12 a.m., morning.

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TELEPHONE NO. 220.

Branch office now open for the summer on Narragansett avenue, Jamestown, R. I.

Marriages.

In this city, 21st inst., by Rev. James M. Estes, Emil Fredericks to Ida Greenberg.

Deaths.

In this city, 21st inst., Martha, widow of John Cook.

In this city, 21st inst., Thomas Shields, aged 13 years.

In this city, 21st inst., Martha Knowles, aged 13 years.

In this city, 21st inst., the late son of Fred and Louisa Banks, 3 months and 15 days; 24th inst., widow of William Preswick, 24th inst., John Labrosse, 91.

In this city, 21st inst., Peter L. Simmons, in his 75th year.

In this city, 21st inst., Napoleon B. Styles, in his 81st year.

In this city, 21st inst., John S. Crook, in his 81st year.

In Cranston, 23rd inst., Jeremiah Year, in his 71st year.

In Woonsocket, 23rd inst., Azubia M., widow of O.H. Hawkins, in her 81st year.

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Newport, R. I.

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On 1st of Sons of St. George.

Fall River, Mass., July 27.—The 23th annual convention of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, Sons of St. George, came to an end after nominating the following officers of the grand lodge for the year 1901: President, A. P. Weber, New Bedford; vice president, John Ferguson, Fitchburg; secretary, J. W. C. Sargent, Cambridge; treasurer, Lawrence Davenport, Lawrence.

Successful Dash For Liberty.

Bridgeport, Mass., July 27.—Five prisoners escaped from the state farm Thursday, and it is supposed that they started for Boston on a freight train.

All of the men who made the successful dash for liberty were in the regulatory convict garb. They broke through the door at the office of the jail, and ran out into the street before the night watchman could give the alarm.

HELD AS HOSTAGES?

Opinion That Ministers at Peking May Be Alive Gains Ground.

Troops and Boxers Combined and Killed Priests and Converts.

London, July 27.—Last Saturday the Chinese minister, Sir Chi Chen Lo Feng Tuh, handed the foreign office a long telegram purporting to come from Emperor Kwang Su, soliciting Great Britain's good offices to bring about peace in terms similar to the appeals addressed to President McKinley and President Loubet. Thus far the government has not replied, as it is felt that, in the present anomalous circumstances, the precise origin of the telegram is doubtful.



MRS. PINKHAM.

Wife of Boston minister in Peking.

If it could be ascertained beyond a doubt that the reports of massacre at Peking were unfounded, and there is a disposition here to believe that the ministers may, after all, be held as hostages, Lord Salisbury's policy would probably incline more toward the conciliation attributed to Washington than to the revenge attributed to Berlin. But, while there is no cessation of the deluge of rumors, it is beginning to be believed at Shanghai, Canton and other points that the viceroys are as completely in the dark as to affairs in Peking as the Europeans themselves.

Meanwhile the doings of Li Hung Chang are regarded with ever-increasing suspicion, while the situation in the southern provinces daily grows worse.

With the report that the allies will begin the advance upon Peking in a fortnight, and in view of Admiral Seymour's visit of inspection to the Yang Tse Kiang, the feeling is that no great time will elapse before matters assume a more definite shape.

The viceroys of Nankin still professes to be able, with the aid of the other Yang Tse viceroys, to keep order, but he declares that if Europe sends warships it will assuredly lead to an anti-foreign outbreak. If it be true that the Japanese have started a campaign from Shan Hai Kwan that also will precipitate matters, but the report to this effect lacks confirmation.

It is reported from Tien Tsin that the Chinese forces are concentrating at the village of Gaochang, 10 miles north of Tien Tsin, where, it is said, large quantities of rice are stored.

The Russian and Japanese cavalry are keeping in close touch with the enemy. The river is still low, and water transportation would be difficult.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says: "Li-Hung Chang now states that some of the members of the legations have already left Peking and may be expected shortly. He is becoming angry at the scepticism of the consuls."

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail, describing the massacre at Mukden, says: "The bishop had armed 500 converts to defend the cathedral, and a body of Chinese troops had been sent to defend the converts, but the soldiers were looted with the Boxers. While the Christians were holding a service, believing themselves safe under the protection of the troops, the signal was given, and the soldiers and Boxers surrounded and set fire to the church, putting the escaping worshippers to the sword. The bishop was captured and taken to the viceroys' yamen, where he was diabolically tortured and decapitated. His head now hangs in front of the yamen."

There is little fresh news regarding the situation in Manchuria. The Russians inflicted another serious defeat upon the Chinese at Fort Echo on July 23. From Kobe comes a report that eight battalions of Russians have been compelled to leave Vladivostok and Tien Tsin on account of the Manchuria trouble.

The Paris Journal Officiel publishes this morning a decree prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition from France and the colonies of France to China and adjacent countries.

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It is significant that in homes of wealth where the very best is demanded, Ivory Soap is used in the nursery. At the same time, in hundreds of families where economy decides the choice, Ivory Soap is selected. Thus its purity attracts the rich; its economy attracts the poor. High quality and low cost: is there any better combination?

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AT WASHINGTON.

Kempff's Report Disperses Hope of the Administration.

Declares That Imperial Authorities Are in Sympathy With Boxers.

Washington, July 27.—There are no developments to warrant the assumption that there has been the slightest improvement in the Chinese situation. Indeed the general tendency of such news as found light yesterday was to add to the steadily growing doubt as to the good faith of the Chinese government as manifested in its acts.

If it should be finally established that there has been an attempt on their part to practice a gigantic fraud upon the world, the fact may call for a change of attitude on the part of the United States government toward China. This would not affect the military policy already under way, but merely the technical relations between the two governments, which probably would closely approximate a state of formal war.

The navy department has just made public the following chapter in Admiral Kempff's report, dated Taku, China, June 20:

Referring to my recent actions in declining to take part in the seizure of the Taku forts and in afterward making common cause with the foreign forces in the protection of foreign life and property, I would respectfully state that the Chinese government is now paralyzed, and the secret edicts show that it is in sympathy with the Boxers.

2.—The fact that, under the existing circumstances, the troops at the forts were given much extra drill, torpedoes were provided and, it is claimed, planted in the entrance of the Pei Ho, was considered menacing and, by other senior naval officers, sufficient cause to justify them in demanding the temporary occupation of the forts. This culminated in the bombardment of the forts by other foreign gunboats on the morning of the 17th inst., which has been described. In this bombardment the Moncey was fired upon and struck without having received previous warning.

3.—It is now necessary to join with the other foreign powers for common defense and preservation of foreign people and the honor of our country.

4.—I refused to join in taking possession of the Imperial Chinese railway station and also declined to join in the demand for temporary occupation of the Taku forts, for I thought it against the policy and wishes of our government to be entangled with other foreign powers in such a step, and also because it endangered the lives of people in the interior in advance of absolute necessity; for up to early morning of June 17 the Chinese government had not committed, so far as I am aware, any act of open hostilities toward the foreign armed forces.

5.—In opening fire without warning, an act of war was committed when many shots were fired at the place where the Moncey was moored—about 3000 yards from the forts. Those firing must have known of her presence there, as she had been moored in that position for a number of days.

Under these circumstances I regarded the situation as one for the protection of the national honor and the preservation of our people and have acted accordingly.

Pawtucket folks welcome Mitea.

Pawtucket, R. I., July 27.—With a sense of the honor conferred upon them a goodly number of citizens of Pawtucket last night gave themselves up to an enthusiastic welcome to Henry B. Mitea, the candidate for vice president of the Prohibition party. This is the first time in the history of the city that a Rhode Island man has been selected as a standard bearer for either of the great political parties. Mr. Mitea has for many years been one of the leading citizens of the city and state.

Minneapolis, July 27.—A special to the Times from Victoria, B. C., says: Passengers who arrived here today on the steamer George City, from Alaska ports, report that an unconfirmed rumor was circulated at Juneau when they left that port, to the effect that the stern wheeler Florence III, had been caught in a storm on Lake Labarge and was capsized. There were 150 passengers on board, and 10 are said to have lost their lives.

COMMITTED TO AN ASYLUM.

Charles H. Hoyt, Manager and Playwright, is badly afflicted.

Hartford, July 27.—Charles H. Hoyt, manager and playwright, was taken to the insane asylum here Wednesday night, suffering from nervous prostration and mental derangement.



CHARLES H. HOYT.

This is the second time Mr. Hoyt has been an inmate of such an institution. The first time was about a year ago. His symptoms at present are similar to those of a year ago.

He was unable to care for himself when taken into custody, and the authorities deemed it best for him that he be placed under restraint.

His friends in Boston and New York have been apprised of his condition by wire. Physicians hope that his ailment is only temporary.

Brought Down by Fall from Gun.

Springfield, Mass., July 27.—Park Officer Cleary shot and probably fatally wounded Thomas McGrath in Forest park Sunday night. Cleary claims that McGrath insulted a young woman, who was with a male companion in the park, but the charge preferred against McGrath is violation of the park ordinances. Patrolman Ward of the regular police force aided Cleary in capturing McGrath, and it is alleged that both officers clubbed the prisoner severely. McGrath was badly cut about the head and had a bullet in his right lung. Cleary claims that he shot in the air. He fired six shots in all, but one taking ing effect. The young man and woman who were witnesses of the affair disappeared during the excitement.

Action of Gold Democrats.

Indianapolis, July 27.—The national committee of the Gold Standard Democratic party adopted resolutions expressing the opinion that the nomination of candidates by the national Democratic party for the offices of president and vice president is unwise and unexpedient, reaffirms the Indianapolis platform of 1896, recommends the state committees in their respective states to preserve their organizations and urges the voters not to be deceived by the plea that the money question has been finally settled. The scheme of fusion with the anti-imperialistic movement, originating with the recent mass meeting in New York city, was defeated.

Moving on All Sides.

Washington, July 27.—Postmaster General Smith has given out a summary of the report made by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Hirstow, who went to Havana to investigate postal frauds in which C. F. W. Neely, together with Director General of Posts Rathbone and others, was alleged to have swindled the government out of a large amount. Mr. Hirstow finds all the charges proved. Hirstow reports that Neely stole at least \$181,113, and the thefts may be much more. Rathbone obtained large sums by fraud. Thompson was an embezzler, and there was thieving on all sides.

License Commissioner Removed.

Gloucester, Mass., July 27.—As a result of the hearing in the matter of charges preferred against Joseph R. Pringle, license commissioner, he was removed from office Tuesday by Mayor Merchant. The first charge is for inattention and neglect of duty, and the second is for indirect connection with the liquor business, the commissioner, it is claimed, being in the employ of men who are liquor dealers in this city. In his communication, the mayor finds the charges sustained and suspends him from the office of license commissioner.

Charged With Manslaughter.

Worcester, Mass., July 27.—As the result of a blow from Edward P. Morrison, a brakeman on the Boston and Albany railroad, Henry T. Layden, 22, died here Sunday of fracture of the skull. Morrison was arrested at his home in Boston and was brought to Worcester, charged with manslaughter. Layden was a member of a Foresters' excursion from Worcester Saturday, and Morrison says he was drunk and troublesome on the return trip, finally provoking the blow which caused his death.

Dea Hanged by a Soldier.

Fall River, Mass., July 27.—Mrs. Mary Dorden, 59 years of age, a widow, died at her home at Westport of lockjaw. Splinters from a garden rake had penetrated her leg. The injury caused no concern at the time, but when the pain grew great a surgeon opened the wound and took out a splinter of wood an inch long. Lockjaw rapidly developed with fatal results.

Teachers' Salaries Won't Be Cut.

Cambridge, Mass., July 27.—A bulletin was posted Tuesday at the Cuban headquarters at Harvard & the effect that the cut of \$10 per month in the salaries of the teachers, which the Havana Gazette officially announced would take place, beginning this summer, would not be permitted to go into operation. This information came from Governor Wood of Cuba.

Suspected of Selling Store Afire.

Haverhill, Mass., July 27.—On charges of setting fire to their store on July 5 last, William and Philip Skintex, Hebrews, were arrested Wednesday night at the instance of Fire Marshal Shaw, before whom they were given a hearing. The fire marshal considered the testimony obtained at the hearing of such a compromising character as to warrant the arrest of the men.

Inquest: Cons were Necessary.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 27.—The violent death of Charles Miller, aged 35, from a bullet wound, has made necessary a coroner's inquest. Miller was found dead on the bed in his room, and the bed clothing had ignited apparently from the flash of the cartridge. A bullet had been sent into the heart. The conditions as they now appear seem to show that Miller killed himself.

NEW ENGLAND BRIEFS.

Henry D. Lord, a well-known genealogical student, dropped dead at Boston. Mr. Lord, who was over 70 years of age, earned his livelihood by looking up and writing genealogical histories and trees for prominent families.

The farm buildings of John H. Weeks at Giltford, N. H., were struck by lightning and burned. Lost, \$2500.

Dr. D. J. Sullivan, aged 43, a well-known veterinary surgeon, died at New Haven from hemorrhage of the brain, caused by heart prostration.

Charles Lawson, 19 years old, a deck-hand on the oyster steamer Mikado, was drowned off Fall River, Mass., by being thrown from the steamer by a sudden roll of the boat.

Lightning set fire to the barn of Henry W. Hemle near Spencer, Mass., and caused \$2500 loss.

At the nomination of candidates for admission to the United States naval academy from the Fourth Maine district, held at Bangor, there were seven candidates. Edson C. Oak of Caribou attained the highest rank, and will receive the appointment.

Robert Latham, aged about 20, committed suicide in the woods near his father's house at North Billerica, Mass., by cutting his throat. No cause is assigned.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Maine railroad commissioners, asking for the construction and operating of a street railroad in and through Augusta, Manchester, Winthrop, Monmouth, and Wells, to the terminus of the Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath Street railway.

Dr. Maurice O'Connell, aged 42, one of the best-known veterinary surgeons in western Massachusetts, died at Holyoke, Mass., after a protracted illness extending over nearly four years. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease.

Frank Meun, an Assyrian child, a years old, who strayed from home at Eastport, Me., was found in the dock, where he had been drowned.

Rev. Gerald H. B. aid, pastor of the South Norwalk, Conn., Congregational church, has decided to resign, to accept a call to the Congregational church of Burlington, Vt.

Many burglaries in Lynn, Mass., lead to the supposition that an organized band of boys is at work.

A movement has been started at Waltham, Mass., for installing life-saving apparatus along the banks of the Charles river.

Henry Culliton, aged about 30, was drowned at West Townsend, Mass., while bathing.

William Mertz, aged 26, was drowned at Danbury, Conn. Mertz was an expert swimmer, but was taken with cramps.

Frank Callahan, 13 years old, while swimming at Marlboro, Mass., was seized with cramps, and, although he made a violent struggle to reach the shore, only 50 feet away, he drowned just as help reached the spot.

Wiley Perkins of Chicopee, Mass., was drowned while bathing in the Connecticut river at that place.

The hot weather in the large cities has caused a sudden demand for Maine ice, and shipments from Bangor last week were the largest since the opening of the season.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found floating off Bridgeport, Conn. It is thought the man is C. H. Hine of Milford, N. H.

The Gloucester, Mass., assessors have completed their canvass of the town, and state that the total valuation is \$13,324,553, an increase over last year of \$168,276.

While swimming in the Pawtuxet river near Natick, R. I., Gaston Duroy, aged 9, was drowned.

Mrs. M. A. McLaughlin, who had been under treatment for nervousness, fell from a third-story window at Boston, fracturing her skull, and died soon after.

The buildings of a boarding school for boys at Farmington, Me., were totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

J. E. Chittenden, register of the treasury under the Lincoln administration, died at Burlington, Vt., aged 77 years.

Disorderly Conduct of Soldiers.

New Bedford, Mass., July 27.—Conductor Samuel Smith of the Union Street Railway company refused to allow a soldier of battery A, Seventh artillery, to ride on his car Thursday because he appeared to be drunk. On the next trip of Conductor Smith's car the soldier, whose name is London, followed by four of his companions, boarded the car and assaulted the conductor in a brutal manner, while the sentry ran across the street from the government property and with bayoneted gun prevented Motorman Lemon from going to Conductor Smith's assistance.

Said to Have Had Two Wives.

Malden, Mass., July 27.—The body of F. H. Tate, the New York man who committed suicide here Tuesday, left here Thursday in charge of the American Express company on its way to Pensacola, Fla. The body was not accompanied by Mrs. Tate or anyone else connected with the family. When it arrives in Pensacola it will be received by the father of the deceased. It has been stated by a friend of Mr. Tate that an invalid wife surely is the father in Florida, as well as his other wife, who is now in this city.

Be It Said to Be No Property Buried.

Lawrence, Mass., July 27.—The finding of several bodies exposed to the weather by reasons of improper burial in the Immaculate Conception cemetery in Methuen has made the board of health issue regulations as to future burials. The graves in the potter's field portion of the cemetery were barely covered with earth, and it is said that the coffins are not enclosed in boxes as is customary. The new restrictions provide for proper interment under penalty of a fine.

Fifty-Nine Boats Were Burned.

Boston, July 27.—The department of construction and repair at the Charles-town navy yard has just completed a list of the boats which were destroyed in the fire in the spar shed and boat house recently. Fifty-nine boats were burned. The total estimated value of the boats burned is \$120,000.

Female Crops Got Roll of Twenties.

Boston, July 28.—Charles Martin was robbed of \$60 in bank notes Thursday night in the South End by two colored women, who have not as yet been arrested. The bills were all in the denomination of \$20.

Boys Drowned by Overturning of Skiff.

Ellsworth, Me., July 27.—Harold Redman, 12 years old, and Forest Gray, 6, were drowned Thursday at Cape Resier, Brooksline. The boys were out on the river in a small skiff, which was overturned.

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The tan may be considerably without any burn, after a succession of slight and brief exposures to the sun or to high winds for wind will tan as well as sunshine. Usually, however, the city dweller gets well burned during the first few days of his vacation in the country or on the water.

In severe cases the skin is red, slightly swollen, and the seat of a sharp, burning sensation. If the exposure has been prolonged or the glare of the sun very intense it may even be blistered. After a few days the soreness and heat subside and the red color gradually turns brown.

If the burn is pretty severe, cooling lotions, such as alcohol and water, diluted cologne water, a solution of bicarbonate of soda, or lead water, may be applied, or the skin may be smeared with cold cream, camphor, zinc ointment or a mixture of lime water and oil. Some such application as this, the sufferer being careful to keep up the sun for a day or two, will usually suffice.

If blisters form they should be pricked with a clean needle at the most dependent part, and when the water has drained away they should be covered with a cloth spread with one of the greasy applications just mentioned.

There is a new skirt which is called the exposition skirt, yet it is not so new in fact as in the place where it was. It has come into vogue at the Paris Exposition as a result of the weariness of wearing long skirts about the exhibition. It is nothing more than the short skirt seen so often on our streets, and as it is favored by Parisians the long skirt for the street may as well be laid away now as later. Fashion in the city of modes makes the short skirt for the day and the long one for dinner equally obligatory. That is as it should be, for the short skirt lacks grace and is as inappropriate for any but business occasions as it is suitable and convenient for them.

Mrs. A.—My husband was delayed all night by a washout.

Mrs. B.—My brother was there and he said it was a washout.—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

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The National Red Cross.

It was a great day for China Barton and the National Red Cross when President McKinley signed the bill whereby the society becomes an incorporated body, with authority of Congress to protect itself and remain others. The New York Tribune says:

Its merits as an organization are more fully emphasized by the fact that since then the president has failed to sign the White Cross bill, asking the same recognition. The philanthropic field of relief, giving to sufferers in times of war and other national disasters is thus left altogether to the Red Cross.

To get such a bill through Congress has been the ambition of Miss Barton for fifteen years. That the bill has never passed before was due to inattention rather than to opposition. Legislators in the rush of pressing matters simply failed to realize its need, but this year every man stood ready to give Miss Barton what she wanted, and the measure had overwhelming support in both houses. America is the only country of the many belonging to the International Red Cross Treaty which had not passed measures of protection and incorporation for its National Red Cross Committee.

The National Red Cross has now the power to extend its work by State organizations, which may have auxiliaries in every county and town, all tributary to the national association, and the new law also protects the public from the people who have for so many years used the Red Cross to solicit money from the public without authority and without accounting for the same. The law makes this a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment or a fine of from \$50 to \$500, or both, the fines to be paid to the National Red Cross.

The bill, now a law, further provides that the National Red Cross shall report its proceedings annually to Congress and the State Department, thus providing a means by which the reports will become public documents and be distributed as such.

The observatory of Vassar College is about to issue a publication giving a catalogue of the stars within one degree of the North Pole, deduced from measurements of photographic plates which were taken at Helsingfors, Finland, in September, 1895. This is the first woman's observatory in this country to issue this kind of work.

The reductions were made by Caroline E. Furness, assistant director of the observatory. Prof. Mary W. Whitney, the successor of Mark Mitchell, is director. Other women's colleges which have observatories are Smith, Wellesley, and Holyoke. Women are in full charge of all these. Prof. Susan J. Cunningham is director of the observatory at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, which is co-educational, and several women own telescopes and make observations.

Miss Caroline Hazard, president of Wellesley College, has recently written "Ideals in the Education of Women," a small volume which will undoubtedly have much weight and a wide circulation, as it is suggestive, dignified and womanly presentation of an interesting subject. "Our modern young woman," she says, "with her good physique, crispness, much more closely than the young woman of a century ago to the old Greek conception of beauty, who in the ideal Republic wished to have both his young men and women trained in athletic exercises."

Lady Macdonald, wife of the British Minister who is shut up in Peking, was two years ago the leader of the deputation of "diplomatic ladies" to the Empress Dowager when European women were received at the Chinese Court for the first time. It is not generally known, however, that while the idea originated with Lady Macdonald it was carried out through the influence of Prince Henry of Prussia. The brother of the Kaiser was staying at the British Legation, and he asked his hostess if there was anything he could do for her when he went to the Imperial Palace. Lady Macdonald, who felt a natural curiosity regarding that wonderful personage, promptly begged of His Royal Highness to ask the Empress Dowager to allow the wives of the foreign Ministers to present to her an address on her birthday. After a little difficulty Prince Henry succeeded in arranging for the reception, which was a notable event in the history of the Yellow Kingdom.

Woman Circuit Clerk.

Mrs. Glessner Moore Brady, of Nevada, Mo., has been nominated for a second year as circuit clerk of Vernon County, Missouri. Mr. Brady, her husband, who had held the position previously, died two years ago and was succeeded by his wife. Eighteen out of the twenty townships of the county, as well as every ward of the city, voted for Mrs. Brady.

Trustees of State University.

In Illinois each of the political parties at the State Convention put a woman on the ticket for trustee of the State University. The Republicans nominated Mrs. Carrie Alexander, of Belleville, who is greatly interested in educational work. The Democratic Convention nominated Dr. Julia Holmes Smith as its candidate. Dr. Smith is secretary of the State Equal Suffrage Association, and has just completed her second year as president of the Chicago Political Equality League. The Prohibition Convention nominated two women, one of them Mrs. Elvira S. Stewart, who is superintendent of franchise in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; the other Mrs. Clara Harford.

The trustees of the State University will be voted for in November, at the same time the State and National officers are elected.

How He Knew It.

Sir Robert Finlay, the new English Attorney General, was once engaged in a case for breach of warranty of a horse, the age of the animal being the chief matter in dispute, and had to cross-examine a hostler, a yokel with every appearance of rustic simplicity. "You what authority do you swear to the age of the mare?" he asked. "I'm sure of it," was the reply. Half a dozen more questions failed to elicit from the witness any more specific answer. "But how do you know?" thundered Sir Robert at last. "I had it from the mare's own mouth!" replied the hostler. Argonaut.

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New Instalment Plan.

A bridegroom once came to the minister to engage him to perform the wedding ceremony; and after all the arrangements had been made the bridegroom-elect said frankly:

"I'll tell you right now that I can't pay all in one lump the three dollars I am planning to give you for the job. I have had a cut in my wages, and I won't have the three dollars to spare all at one time. I'll give you a quarter after the wedding, and then I'll come around to your house every Saturday night and pay you a quarter until I am square with you. I don't like this here gettin' married on the instalment plan, but it is the best I can do."

Said a Southern minister: "One of the queerest fees I ever received was from a young negro bridegroom for whom I performed the wedding ceremony at my own home. At the close of the ceremony, and just as the bride party of five or six were about to depart, the bridegroom said, 'You will find de fee for yo' kindness out in a co'nah ob de porch, sah.' I followed the party out to the porch, and when they had gone on their way I looked in a corner of the porch, where I found a pair of blue fowls tied together by the legs. They set up a lousy squawk as I picked them up. The bridegroom had said as he went down the steps that they were 'ob his own raisin,' but I never felt quite sure of that."—Morris Wade in the July "New Lippincott."

An Involuntary Tramp.

Louis Victor Durand is the victim of a curious nervous malady which has caused him much inconvenience and has recently lodged him in jail. He is a clerk by profession and was a model specimen of his class. Suddenly Louis was seized with an irresistible desire to get off his stool and wander aimlessly for hours either through the crowded thoroughfares or in lonely fields or by the murmuring brooks. The doctor came to hear of him and at once discovered that he was an automatic ambulator. This so discomposed the good Durand that he desired them to cure him. But it was reserved for Dr. Vogt of Berlin to give the automatic ambulator the rest of which he stood so much in need. Dr. Vogt hypnotized him, and then suggested that he should return to his ancient affection for his stool. This worked well for a little, and then Durand resumed his peregrination. But a postcard from Dr. Vogt pulled him up short. He had only to look at the postcard and he at once fell asleep. But one day he forgot the postcard and the roving mood came upon him when the contents of his employer's till were in his pocket. He is now in prison where automatic ambulation is so restricted as to be practically of no account.

Her Point Gained.

"Dearest, I can't keep it from you any longer—we are ruined. A paltry ten thousand perhaps is left from all our fortune."

"Well, then I hope you will be content to go to New York for the summer without any more fuss?"

"The trouble with our civilization," remarked the ponderous man, "is that too much power and discretion are unexpectedly centered in people who have not proved their fitness for solemn responsibilities."

"That's exactly what I say," exclaimed Miss Fatenforty. "Just to think of those people in the census office who can find out anybody's age by merely looking at a ticket!"—Washington Star.

Towne—This war, after all, has been a great lesson to the English. Browne—That's right. I guess there's lots of people who never knew before the war broke out that there were such things as kopjes, spruits and kloofs, let alone how to spell 'em.—Philadelphia Press.

The Plymouth—"That such ignorance should exist in the fowl family is a disgrace."

The Leghorn—"To whom do you allude?"

The Plymouth—"Biddy Blackfeet. She actually sat on a white dove knob three weeks before she found out it wasn't an egg."

She—The man I marry must have done something of importance.

He—Then I am the very man you require.

She—You? Why, what important thing did you ever do?

He—I fell in love with you at first sight.—Chicago News.

The giraffe has such powers of mimicry that, although its size might be supposed to make it a conspicuous object to its enemies, the most practical eye has been deceived by the animal's resemblance to one of the dead and blasted tree trunks which abound in its haunts.

That fragile and paradoxical wonder, the "snow plant," which is found in the Sierra Nevada mountains, is pronounced by Western botanists as probably our most remarkable plant.

Hewitt—My money is my best friend. Jewett—Well, the best of friends must part; lend me five, will you?—Harper's Bazar.

"Briggs is an old settler, isn't he?" "I think not. He has owned me for eight years."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She—Have you many debts? He—Hardly one. I might almost marry for love!

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All Sorts.

"Prisoner, I understand you confess your guilt," said the judge.

"No, I don't," said the prisoner. "My counsel has convinced me of my innocence."

Politician—How are things up in your country?

Farmer—Well, I tell you; the country's likely to be considerably disturbed most any time now. "So?" Expansion of silver, I suppose? "No. Spring plowing."

"The apple tree—!" began the fastidious philosopher. "Is all cut and dried," said the irrepressible Port Clerk.

Little Julia—Mamma says you are a self-made man, Uncle John. Are you?

Uncle John—Yes, Julia, and I'm proud of it.

Little Julia—But why didn't you use a looking glass, Uncle John?

"He thinks he's famous." "Well, he never was much of a man for acquiring knowledge." "What has that to do with it?" "Why, he probably never has consulted the dictionary and learned the difference between fame and notoriety."

Dobbs—I suppose you are a self-made man?

Dobbs—No; if I were I should have built my stomach to correspond with my appetite.

"I'm puzzled about the custom of eating to music."

"How's that?" "I can't understand whether the food is intended to keep your mind off the music, or the music, is intended to keep your mind off the food."

"Less than a year ago," she mused, "he said he would lay down his life for me, and now he won't put up the window screens."

"Why are you so cold and distant this evening?" she asked. "Are you offended at anything?" He said nothing, but her gaze followed him, and with a blush she got up and carried the parrot out of the room. "Ever my thoughtful Harold," she said. "That bird is wonderful at imitations."

The loyal Spaniard who remained in Cuba heard of the postal defalcations and wiped tears of joy from his eyes. "It makes me feel," he said, "as if we were still under the rule of our glorious General Weyler!"

Spider's silk is one of the new materials to be shown at the Paris Exposition. Made from the webs of the Madagascar spider it is very thin and suitable only for neckties, trappings and hat trimmings.

"Mrs. Tucker is very ill," said Mrs. Hodge to Mrs. Tomdick.

"What ails her?" "She has been living on health foods for several months."

At the latest annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, Prof. I. C. Russell called attention to the recent discovery that many of the swamps and lakes in the southern peninsula of Michigan are rich in calcareous marl, suitable for making Portland cement. Although partly composed of shells, the Michigan marl is principally a chemical precipitate which is still being formed. The precise method of its formation is not yet understood. The supply is practically inexhaustible. Large cement works have lately been constructed; others are in contemplation, and Professor Russell says that Michigan can easily take a leading place in that industry.

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"No."

"What's the trouble?" "He married her."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Heaven bless him! He showed confidence in me when the clouds were dark and threatening."

"In what way?" "He lent me an umbrella."—Tit-Bits.

